

# TROY CITY VIEW

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Summer 2009

*Greetings and welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our city's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and events of our City. I hope you find this as a very useful tool in your planning.*

*Sincerely,  
Michael L. Beamish, Mayor*



## Playground Equipment

If you have not visited the Community Park or Duke Park this year, you are missing out on the new handicapped accessible playground equipment recently installed by City staff. The equipment was funded by the Troy Foundation after an application was submitted by Kendra Allen of Riverside of Miami County, Michael Ham, Senior at Troy High School and Mayor Beamish.

## Special Summer Events in Troy

### TROY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The 33rd annual Troy Strawberry Festival will be held on June 5, 6, and 7. This year's theme is "Dance to the Music." The Festival kicks off Friday evening with the Children's Parade at 6 pm and the Bed Races around the Public Square at 7 pm. The famous Strawberry Festival Parade will wind through downtown Troy on Saturday morning and the levee will be bustling with activities on Saturday and Sunday. Free shuttle service to the Festival will run from Duke Park, Sherwood Shopping Center (handicapped service), Meijer, and WACO Air Field. For more information, please visit the Festival web site at [www.gostrawberries.com](http://www.gostrawberries.com)

### CINCINNATI SYMPHONY

Concert will be held July 2, at 8pm on Prouty Plaza. Rain out location is Troy Christian School Auditorium.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

The Troy Independence Day

Parade will be held at 9am on July 4. The parade is scheduled to start on South Market Street, continue around the square to West Main Street, then turn North on Adams Street and end at the Troy Community Park.

In the evening at approximately 10pm, the sky above the Great Miami River Levee will be lit up with fireworks. Rozzi's Famous Fireworks will again put on what promises to be a fantastic show. The fireworks are sponsored by the City of Troy, The Troy Foundation, and by Concord Township.

### RHYTHM IN SHOES

The world-renowned Rhythm in Shoes will travel to Troy as part of its farewell tour for a performance on July 12, 2009, on Prouty Plaza. We would like to give a special thank you to Bruce George for his efforts to bring this wonderful group to Troy.

### FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

The 16th annual Festival of Nations is

scheduled for August 15, 2009 in downtown Troy from 4 to 9pm. The 2009 Festival will focus on the country of Bosnia and will offer ethnic food, music, cultural exhibits, entertainment, crafts, and food from various restaurants. Admission is free to the public.

### MAYOR'S CONCERT

The 2009 Mayor's Concert will be held August 16, on Prouty Plaza in Downtown Troy, featuring the Dayton Philharmonic Concert Band with Mayor Beamish as honorary conductor.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Activities will be held at the Troy Community Park beginning at 6pm on August 4, 2009. Food and entertainment will be available. All citizens are invited to participate in this event geared to inform and help protect our community.

### AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT

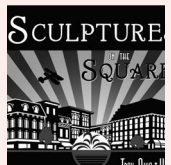
Concert will be held August 30 at Prouty Plaza.

## Sculptures on the Square



This popular bi-annual event has returned for the summer with 22 sculptures from 13 different local, regional, and national sculptors. Walk through historic downtown Troy to view these unique works of art. The exhibit will be on display from May 2 through September 20, 2009.

A collection of smaller sculptures will be on display at the Hayner Cultural Center, 301 West Main Street, from June 28 through August 23.



## WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2008 City of Troy Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is included as an insert in this issue. As in previous years, the City's water quality continues to be excellent. Ohio law requires us to provide a copy of this report to all of our water accounts. If you have multiple accounts, you may receive several issues of this report. Questions regarding the City of Troy Water Quality Report may be addressed to Tim Ray, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent.

## 2009 City Council Summer Meeting Dates & City Calendar

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda packet for each meeting is posted on the City's web-site, [www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html](http://www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html) as well as in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input.

The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings (highlighted) and other important City events planned for this spring:

### JUNE 2009

<b>1</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
2	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
5-7	Strawberry Festival - Bed Races, Parade, Levee Activities	
10	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
<b>15</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
18	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
24	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

### JULY 2009

1	Landlord Report Due to the Income Tax Division	
3	City Offices Closed (No Refuse Collection Delay)	
4	Fourth of July Holiday	
<b>6</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
7	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
8	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
16	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.,
<b>20</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
22	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
31	Second Quarter Estimated Payments Due (for Individuals & Calendar Year Businesses)	

### AUGUST 2009

<b>3</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
4	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
12	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
<b>17</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
20	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
26	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 2009

1	Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
7	Labor Day Holiday-City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed All Week)	
<b>8</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
9	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
17	Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
23	Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

NOTE: All meetings are held at  
Troy City Hall, 100 South Market Street  
unless otherwise designated in parenthesis.

## Your Tax Dollars at Work

### WASHINGTON AND STATE ROUTE 41 PROJECT:

Construction on ODOT's realignment project continues. Washington Road from McCurdy to State Route 41 will close during the month of June for approximately four (4) months for construction, but will be open to local traffic only. The project includes realignment of Washington Road with a new signal in the intersection. Completion is expected by September 30, 2009.

**PAVING PROGRAM:** The City will open bids in May for the paving of sixteen (16) local streets, the roadway in the cemetery, and part of the walking trail in Duke Park. The streets include sections of Rose Avenue, Floral Avenue, South Stanfield Road, Trade Road, North Road, Windsor Road, Greenfield Drive, Ironwood Drive, Overfield Place, Waterford Drive, Armand Drive, Mumford Drive, Dean Court, Sherman Street, Saratoga Drive and North Market Street. We expect to spend \$275,000 on the work, which will be performed in the summer or early fall.

**SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS:** Staff has been working with the Planning Commission to update the Subdivision Regulations. City Council will be holding a Public Hearing on the revisions on June 15 at 7 pm.

## April Beautification Results

The City Beautification Committee has awarded the Green Thumb and Merit Award winners for the month of April. Kudos to winners Jack & Cindy Arthur of 564 Robinhood Lane and Anthony (Tom) & Starlene Mallory of 403 West Water Street. The Green Thumb award is given to recognize the landscaping efforts of property owners in maintaining or improving their property and the overall beauty of the city. The Merit Award was awarded to Pinky Scout of 5 East Main Street. The Merit Award recognizes the architectural improvements made to properties or buildings in the city.



## Reminder Regarding Solid Waste

As summer approaches, we would like to remind residents about the appropriate disposal of yard waste materials. Items such as grass, ornamental grasses, small bush trimmings, small sticks or twigs, garden waste, and leaves must be placed in T-bags or taken to the Dye Mill Facility during its hours of operations (see separate article in this edition). Items of this nature will not be picked up unless they are in T-bags. Simply place the T-bag near the curb on your trash day, and the city will remove it. T-bags can be purchased at City Hall, 100 S. Market Street for \$1.25 per bag.

Larger items (such as tree limbs) must be placed near the curb so the ends of all limbs are facing the same direction. The limbs can be no more than four (4) inches in diameter and four (4) feet in length. Please note that anything not meeting these requirements will not be disposed of by the City and will be the responsibility of the homeowner to discard.

# Billing & Collection Office



This edition features the City of Troy Billing and Collection office. This office is responsible for collecting and administering water and sewer billing services for City of Troy utility customers. Staff also administers billing and collection for other City services including ambulance service charges, recycling program charges, bulk water and others.

In order to receive water and sewer services from the City, a potential customer needs only to visit Lisa Holmes or one of the other clerk cashiers in the Billing and Collection office, present a valid picture I.D. and complete a "Utility Service Contract". The office is located in City Hall, 100 South Market Street, and can be contacted at (937) 335-4151.

## New Automated Meter Reading System Installation

In early April, the City of Troy and Vanguard Utility Service began installation of radio read transmitters on all water meters in the City of Troy. This installation process is slated to be completed by August 1, after which time, the City will be able to collect meter readings from all active meters electronically from the Billing and Collection office. In addition, earlier leak detection reporting will enable us to identify potential problems on customer accounts, making customer notifications occur more quickly. As customers move from a property, we will be able to retrieve a final meter reading and provide a final bill much more quickly. We are excited about how this improvement to our system will enhance customer service!

Please note, the new radios on the meters are about 5/8" higher than the meter, so be careful when mowing your lawn. Repair to the meters can cost the homeowner at least \$25.00.

## Overcoming Economic Challenges Workshop

The Troy-Miami County Public Library and the City of Troy have collaborated to create a comprehensive program called "Overcoming Economic Challenges." The program helps business owners and individuals alike and has components for both groups to help them make better financial decisions and survive the recession.

Thanks to a grant from The Troy Foundation, the Troy-Miami County Public Library will purchase books which will provide greater access to the information necessary to making better strategic decisions in ones personal life or on the job. The upcoming workshop is "Writing a Business Plan" (1:30-4:00 p.m. June 20). The workshop is free and will be led by Dayton SCORE - Counselors to America's Small Business. Please register in advance by calling the library at 937-339-0502.

## Income Tax Updates

The Income Tax filing season has passed. The staff of the Income Tax Division processed 3,599 pieces of incoming mail.

All residents of Troy age 18 and older are required to file an annual City of Troy Income Tax Return. If you have not yet filed your return for 2008, bring your tax information to our office for assistance. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As a reminder, the City of Troy does not mail out statements for paying and remitting quarterly estimated tax. We included the vouchers for all four quarters in your 2008 Income Tax Package. If you have not kept these forms, you can find the forms for filing quarterly estimated tax on our website at [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov). Second quarter estimated tax payments for individuals and calendar year businesses are due by July 31, 2009.

Landlords are required to file an annual report by July 1st of each year. This report is required to show the name(s) of the individual(s) on the lease, phone number and address of each property. Also, if a tenant has vacated a property within the prior twelve month period, the report must show the date the property was vacated, and forwarding address (if available). Forms for filing the annual Landlord report can be found at our website at [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov). Questions? Contact the City of Troy Income Tax Department at 339-3861.

## Open Burning Regulations

Open burning is any set outdoor fire that does not vent to a chimney or stack. Ohio's open burning rules are in place to protect human health and safety. Open burning can release many kinds of toxic fumes. Leaves and plant materials send aloft millions of spores when they catch fire, causing many people with allergies to have difficulty breathing. The pollutants released by open burning also make it more difficult to meet health-based air quality standards, especially in or near large cities. The gases released by open burning can also corrode metal siding and damage paint on buildings.

Open burns are allowed in the City of Troy if the fire is 3'X3'X2'. Before igniting any outdoor fire, or for more information regarding open burning, contact the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) or the Troy Fire Department at (937) 335-5678.

## Reminder to All Pet Owners

The following is a friendly reminder about rules that must be followed by pet owners. These rules do not apply to guide dogs.

- All dogs must be registered and licensed annually through Miami County and have proper tags.
- All owners must remove and properly dispose of his/her dog's excrement from all public spaces and the property of others.
- No dogs or cats are allowed to run at large on any property except the owner's property and owners must have complete control of their pet.
- No animals are allowed at the Troy Strawberry Festival or the July 4th Celebration events.
- No more than a combination of three cats or dogs can reside at any property.



The second annual Treasure Island River Adventure Series is coming back this year to the Great Miami River. Scheduled events include:

Chillin' on the Great Miami	June 7
Historical Canoe	June 20
Mayor's Float and Stargazing	June 25
Tri-Troyathlon	June 28
Full Moon Canoe	July 7
Nature Float	July 11
Big Blue, the Ultimate Hovercraft	July 14
Clean Sweep of the Great Miami	July 17
Family River Bike Ride	July 18
Kids Triathlon	July 19

For more information visit  
[www.troyohio.gov/TreasureIslandRiverAdventure.html](http://www.troyohio.gov/TreasureIslandRiverAdventure.html)



# CITY CLIPS

## CITY OF TROY EMPLOYEE NEWS

The City congratulates Shannon Brandon, who has been appointed to the position of Zoning Inspector. Shannon has been with the City since 2001.

## UTILITY BILLS TO HAVE NEW LOOK

This summer, your City of Troy utility bill will have a new look! Your new utility bill will arrive as a full letter-sized sheet, and will be mailed in an envelope. For your convenience, we will include an envelope (postage required) for you to mail back the stub portion of the bill with your payment.

A special added feature to this new bill format will be a "Troy Community Message Board." This area will provide you with up-to-date information regarding important city events, seasonal items (such as leaf pick-up), and other items of interest. Your future bill will include issues of the Troy City View newsletter as well as flyers from City of Troy departments, Hobart Arena events and schedules, Troy Aquatic Park information and recreational opportunities. Watch your mailbox for the arrival of your new-look Utility Bill!

## SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION

We would like to remind our residents that the special trash collection day is the second Tuesday of every month. This service is for the collection of items resulting from normal, routine replacement of household appliances and equipment. It is not intended for the pick-up of an entire household of furniture and/or appliances. The special trash collection does not include paper, cardboard, brush, construction materials, wood, car items, any item containing Freon, or anything placed in boxes, trash bags, or trash containers. Citizens must call the Central Service & Maintenance Facility at (937) 335-1914 to arrange for this pick-up.

## CITY OF TROY VISION STATEMENT, MISSION STATEMENT, AND VALUES STATEMENT

**Vision:** The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially, sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

**Mission:** Through sound and prudent leadership, the City of Troy is committed to sustaining its continued prominence as a regional hub by providing a well-balanced community for its residents, businesses and visitors, consisting of a vibrant downtown, growing economic base, a strong educational environment, and plentiful recreational opportunities strengthened by public/private cooperation and grounded in financial stability.

**Values:** The City of Troy values (in no particular order): Ethical Behavior; Respect; Honesty; Integrity; Accountability; Partnerships; Fiscal Prudence; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.



## Troy City Programming - Channel 5

Watch the Mayor's Report and the delayed broadcast of City Council Committee and City Council meetings on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 5. **Mayor's Report** — Mon. - 6:30 p.m., Tues. - 11:00 a.m., Thurs. - 9:00 p.m., Fri. - 11:00 a.m., Sat. - 2:00 p.m., Sun. - 7:30 p.m. **City Council Meetings\*** — Tues. - 11 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sun. - noon

\*City Council Committee meetings air just prior to City Council meetings as time permits.



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## DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor . . . . . Michael L. Beamish  
President of Council . . . . . Martha A. Baker  
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. . . . . 2nd Ward, Thomas H. Kirkham  
. . . . . 3rd Ward, John W. Schweser  
. . . . . 4th Ward, Jarrod W. Harrah  
. . . . . At-Large, Alan R. Clark  
. . . . . At-Large, Mark A. Douglas  
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. . . . . Patrick E. J. Titterington  
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. . . . . Thomas C. Funderburg  
Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant  
. . . . . Sue G. Knight  
Cemetery Superintendent . . . . . Lewis J. Deeter  
City Engineer . . . . . Deborah J. Swan  
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Director of Golf . . . . . Kenneth D. Green  
Fire Chief . . . . . Christopher L. Boehringer  
Fiscal Supervisor . . . . . Michelle M. Jordan  
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Park Superintendent . . . . . Timothy J. Mercer  
Police Chief . . . . . Charles C. Phelps  
Recreation Director . . . . . Kenneth E. Siler

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